GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MEMBERSHIP OF SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANISATION
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has applied for membership of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the terms and conditions for joining it; (

(c) the names of countries which are members of this Organisation; and

(d) the objectives of this Organisation ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) and (b) : No, Sir.

(c) China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan & Uzbekistan

(d) The objectives of SCO are:-

Regional security and stability, combating terrorism and to set up a Regional Anti-terrorism mechanism besides undertaking political, economic and cultural cooperation.